

**IN THE CLAIMS**

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

1 (Currently Amended): A limiter-circuit comprising:

a transmission line of quarter-wave length which has a predetermined characteristic impedance ~~and which includes~~, said transmission line comprising a signal line conductor and a common line conductor;

signal line input terminal connected to said signal line conductor;

signal line output terminal connected to said signal line conductor;

common line input terminal connected to said common line conductor;

common line output terminal connected to said common line conductor;

a terminator connected between said signal line input terminal and said common line input terminal;

a first limiter element connected, ~~through a~~ in series with said terminator ~~between the signal line conductor and the common line conductor at one side of the transmission line~~ said terminator and said common line input terminal;

a first DC return element connected in parallel with the first limiter element and between said common line input terminal and a portion between the first limiter element and the terminator;

a second limiter element connected between ~~the signal line conductor and the common line conductor at another side of the transmission line~~ said signal line output terminal and said common line output terminal; and

a second DC return element connected to in parallel with the second limiter element.

2 (Original): A limiter-circuit according to Claim 1, wherein:

each of said first and second DC return elements comprises a high characteristic impedance line of a quarter-wave length.

3 (Original): A limiter circuit according to Claim 1, wherein each of said first and second limiter elements comprises a PIN diode.

4 (Canceled).